

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**BEFORE**

**THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS**

In the Matter of: )  
 )  
VERONICA MITCHELL-ROSS, )  
Employee )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA )  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS (DOT), )  
Agency )  
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OEA Matter No. 1601-0106-05

Date of Issuance: January 24, 2006

ERIC T. ROBINSON, Esq.  
Administrative Judge

Veronica Mitchell-Ross, Employee Pro-Se  
Sara Moskowitz, Esq., Agency Representative

**INITIAL DECISION**

**INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

Veronica Mitchell-Ross (hereinafter “the Employee”) was terminated from her position as a Logistics Specialist with the D.C. Public Schools (hereinafter “the Agency”) pursuant to allegations of incompetence, neglect of duty, and failure to obey orders. The effective date of Employee’s termination was April 21, 2005. On June 28, 2005, the Employee filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (hereinafter “the Office”) contesting Agency’s final decision to terminate her employment.

I was assigned this matter on October 24, 2005. I convened a Prehearing Conference on December 6, 2005. Based on the parties’ positions as stated during the Prehearing Conference and the documents of record, I decided that an Evidentiary Hearing was warranted. Pursuant to both my verbal Order during the Prehearing Conference and my written Order Convening Hearing, an Evidentiary Hearing in this matter was set for January 17, 2006 at 10:00 am. On the date of the Hearing, the Agency Representative, the Agency’s witnesses, and the court reporter appeared on time - ready to proceed. However, the Employee failed to appear. I then issued an Order for a Statement of Good Cause to the Employee. Pursuant to this Order, the Employee was required to respond in writing by January 24, 2006, explaining why she failed to appear for the Hearing as was required. My Order was mailed to Employee’s address of record. On January 24, 2006, the

Employee telephoned this Office to inform me that she wanted to voluntarily withdraw her petition for appeal.

JURISDICTION

The Office has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether this matter should be dismissed.

FINDINGS OF FACT, ANALYSIS, AND CONCLUSION

Employee has voluntarily withdrawn her petition for appeal. Pursuant to this withdrawal, I conclude that this matter may now be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that this matter be DISMISSED.

FOR THE OFFICE:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric T. Robinson", written over a horizontal line.

Eric T. Robinson, Esq.  
Administrative Judge